

Collier, Mr. and Mrs. Charles, House
(Reno, Mr. and Mrs. William Lawson, House)
6080 Leesburg Pike
Falls Church Vicinity
Fairfax County
Virginia

HABS No. VA-1084

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE VIRGINIA	COUNTY FAIRFAX	TOWN OR VICINITY FALLS CHURCH VICINITY
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) COLLIER, MR. AND MRS. CHARLES, HOUSE (original owners)		HABS NO. VA-1084
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE RENO, MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM LAWSON, HOUSE (owners 1951-1983)		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 6080 Leesburg Pike		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1938-1939 (original drawings)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) George Locke Howe (original drawings)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Designed for a husband and wife who were both architects, the house was an interesting amalgam of styles and periods. The open, asymmetrical plan, steel windows, and interior detailing are strongly modern while the red brick walls, brick cornice, and slate roof are rooted in traditional Virginia architecture.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) (see photocopies of original drawings) Brick and cinder block bearing walls on concrete footings; wood joists and floors, except basement floor is concrete; slate roof; steel windows and doors in wood surrounds.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) 80'-0" x 20'-2" at NW end, 26'-11" at SE end (see photocopies of original drawings).		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Red brick Flemish bond walls; brick cornice; Hope steel casement windows set in wood surrounds; gray Buckingham slate roof. Front entrance emphasized by the curved brick wall of the elliptical stairhall. Second story sleeping porch on NE elevation. Porch shown on NW elevation in original drawings never built.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Elliptical stairhall; 18'-8" x 46'-3" living/dining space. Carefully designed detailing emphasized planar qualities of walls and ceilings and clean, sharp edges of openings. Extensive use of hidden and indirect lighting.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES A wall dividing the living and dining areas was added c. 1946 following the line of the original curtain track. Pamela Colgate was the interior designer for the dining room, c. 1948. The two NW bedrooms were combined into one by the Renos.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE The house was in excellent condition and in continuous use as a private residence until demolished for new development in May, 1983.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE The landscaping was designed by Daniel Urban Kiley, 1940. The documentation of the Collier House was arranged for by Mrs. William Lawson Reno (Barbara Gardner Reno) and Alice Reno Malone prior to the demolition of the house so that there would be a permanent record of its existence.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Interview with Mrs. William L. Reno and Alice Reno Malone, February 3, 1983. Obituary, "George Locke Howe, Architect, Dies," Washington Post, June 21, 1977.		
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